

This morning is scheduled to be a communion service so please prepare your choice of the components of this before commencing the Service pattern below. Feel free also to deviate from this pattern as you are lead by the Spirit of God. We are not all the same. We have different needs, and I am not at all concerned should you choose to deviate from my plan below.

Note; In some places I have taken generally minor “editorial liberties” with the wording of both Hymns and Bible readings.

All hymns are from the blue book, “the hymnal”.

Sing, or read and meditate, Hymn 776

“Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above you heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

Prayer We praise You loving Father. We thank You for your provision for each of us. We may have wondered at times how You would provide but You have never let us down. Your provision in the past helps us to have confidence for the future even though much of it is hidden from us. We have victory in Jesus and we are thankful. We gather around Your Word today and pray that we would thankfully receive what You show us this morning. May our thoughts be focussed on You this morning we pray in Jesus Name, Amen.

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As His children let us praise Him further with

Hymn 175

Isaac Watts

With joy we meditate the grace
of our High Priest above.
His heart is made of tenderness,
it overflows with love.

Touched with a sympathy within
He knows our feeble frame.
He knows what sore temptations mean,
for He has felt the same.

But spotless, innocent, and pure
the great redeemer stood
while Satan’s fiery darts He bore
and did resist to blood.

He, in the days of feeble flesh
poured out His cries and tears
and in His measure feels afresh
what every member bears.

He’ll never quench the smoking flax
but raise it to a flame.
The bruised reed He never breaks
nor scorns the meanest name.

Then let our humble faith address
His mercy and His power.
We shall obtain delivering grace
in the decisive hour.

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Communion. We thank You God for the love, sympathy and mercy that we find in You as expressed by the hymn writer. We remember You this morning as You have commanded us. We ask Your blessing upon the elements that we have prepared, and upon us as we remember.

Reading from Luke 22 commencing at verse 15
“When the hour came, Jesus reclined at table and the apostles with Him. He said to them, I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer for I say to you, I shall eat it no more until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God. He took a cup, and, when he had given thanks He said, Take this and divide it among yourselves for I say to you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine at all until the kingdom of God comes. Then He took a loaf of bread and when He had given thanks He broke it and gave it to them, saying, This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

Eat of the bread.

“In like manner He took the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant ratified in My blood which is poured out for you.”

Drink of the cup.

Meditate: Then let our humble faith address
His mercy and His power.
We shall obtain delivering grace
in that decisive hour.

Reading from Psalm 29.

This is written as poetry. It is very different to the historical narrative style of Genesis.

“Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of the mighty, ascribe to The Lord glory and strength. Give to the Lord the glory due to His Name. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful. The voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars, yes, the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. He makes them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord splits and flashes forth forked lightening. The voice of the Lord makes the wilderness tremble; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord makes the hinds to bring forth their young and it strips bare the forests while in His temple everyone is saying, Glory! The Lord sat as King over the deluge. The Lord still sits as King forever. The Lord will give strength to His people. The Lord will bless His people with peace.”

Do you know that peace?

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Hymn 422

Joseph Scriven

What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and
griefs to bear.
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.
Oh, what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share.
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

In His arms He'll take and shield you.

You will find a comfort there.

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Prayer time.

I suggest some points to include. Please feel free to add to and to subtract from this list as you are lead.

_Praise.

_Thanksgiving.

for our leaders both national and state (wisdom)
for our health care workers (compassion, endurance)
for those struggling, financially, emotionally
for those who are unwell (body or mind)
for continued freedom to share the GOOD news
for those who are already doing so, especially those
with very public ministries. Pray that pride will not
become their downfall.

for those “meeting” for worship in other places,
especially where such meetings can be dangerous and
for the leaders of such churches

If you dare, conclude with something like;_

“Thank You that You have provided for our needs thus
far. We don't know what tomorrow holds, but we do
know Who holds our tomorrows. We know that we
can trust You for the future. As we look around us we
can see that You are at work in and through the lives
of many, as Your people demonstrate that Your love is
a key driving force in their lives as indeed it is (or
should be) in ours. Help us to never tire of doing good,
even to those who show no gratitude. Guide us we
pray to somebody who needs the kind of ministry that
You have gifted us with the ability to provide, then
give us the wisdom needed to do well the task to
which You have called us. Amen.

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Message time.

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GO confidently, for THE LORD goes with YOU.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His
face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The
Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you
peace. Amen.
